

The U. S. House of Rep. yesterday disposed of the finance bill. The substitute of Mr. Stevens was rejected, and the bill of the committee of ways and means, as perfected in committee of the whole, was passed, with all the amendments except the one to tax bank deposits. This was rejected. The amendment to tax bank circulation one per cent. on certain amounts, as stated in the eighth section, was adopted. It is generally supposed that it will also pass the Senate, without material amendment.

The U. S. Tax Commissioners for South Carolina have made a preliminary report, in which they say it must be obvious that the system of free labor has not had a fair trial in the part of that State under the control of the United States. Indeed, scarcely any system has been put to practical test, as, owing to casualties and the shifting circumstances of military occupation, no permanent labor policy can be inaugurated.

Private advices have been received from Newbern, North Carolina, dated the 20th inst. The marine expedition of which so much has been said has not yet started; but a land force which was sent forward on the 17th inst., towards the railroad, encountered a body of Confederates at Pollocksville, drove them from the town and took possession of some New York cavalry who were wounded.

The wheat crop, in Ohio, it is said, is generally looking badly.

Gen. Wool left New York on Saturday for Albany, in order to have an interview with Governor Seymour, of that State, and to effect such arrangement as will prevent a collision between the State and Federal authorities in relation to the calling out of the militia.

Gen. Burnside, with most of his late staff, have been allowed thirty days' leave of absence. They go to New York.

A public meeting to consider the proposition of colonizing Florida will be held in New York shortly.

It is announced that there is no intention to reconstruct the Norfolk navy-yard.

The advance of the Army of the Cumberland, under General Rosecrans, is encamped some eight miles beyond Murfreesboro'; but instead of pushing forward in the direction of Tullahoma, is engaged in throwing up substantial works of defence, under the impression that an attack on the part of the Confederates was imminent. The position occupied by General Rosecrans is said to be one of great strength.

The British ship Vesuvius took, it is said, \$1,500,000 in specie from Mobile for England.

The steamers Annie Childs and Flora have arrived at Nassau from England, probably to run the blockade. The steamers Douglas, Thistle and Antonia, had sailed for Charleston. The steamer Duro and Calicipse were still in port on the 17th. The steamer Nena had arrived from Georgetown with cotton.

Some opposition is made to the proposed new theatre in Washington; but the company to build it, will, probably, be chartered, and the theatre erected.

The sale of seats for the opening night, (this evening) of Wheatly's new Chestnut-street Theatre, Philadelphia, brought a premium of eight hundred dollars over the regular rates.

The three assassins of the American missionary, Mr. Merrimam, have been executed. Great praise is accorded to Mr. Marsh, the American minister to the Sultan of Turkey, for his firmness in the matter.

Postmaster-General Blair says, in answer to a call from the House, that the annual cost of mail transportation to New York is \$93,050, of which \$13,500 is paid to the New Jersey Railroad and Transportation Company, \$20,250 to the Philadelphia and Trenton Railroad Company, \$37,500 to the Philadelphia, Washington, and Baltimore Railroad Company, \$12,000 to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, and \$9,800 to the Camden and Amboy Railroad Company. In addition \$6,873 is given to local agents and messengers, and \$7,200 for route agents.

All the Republican officers of the N. York Assembly are elected. A resolution was introduced, charging Calicott with bribery, corruption, etc. A long debate ensued, and an adjournment took place without a vote upon the resolution.

The steamer Sonora from Panama, reports that four French war vessels bombarded Acapulco for three days, commencing the 16th instant. The fire was returned from the fort, doing some damage. The people abandoned the town, but thirteen Mexicans were killed. The fort was finally silenced, when the sailors landed and spiked the guns. The fleet then left.

The steamer Prometheus, from New Orleans on the 8th inst., has arrived. She reports that off Charleston, on the 18th, she saw about one hundred bales of cotton on fire; also parts of vessels.

Bedolph R. Brown, company B, Fiftieth New York, picked up a wild parsnip and ate a portion of it, on Sunday evening last, near his camp at Aquia Creek, and in twenty minutes thereafter he was a corpse.

Mrs. Margeret A. Laurie, of Washington, has petitioned Congress to pay her three thousand dollars damages, which she alleges to have sustained by the injury of her property at Camp Sprague.

The statement to the effect that General Wool had ordered all the militia officers of New York to report to him instead of Governor Seymour, is denied by the New York Times. The Times says that General Wool simply undertook to control the new recruits enlisted in his district, believing that as soon as a recruit was mustered into the U. S. service, he was under his control, as a U. S. officer. It appears that a different opinion is entertained at Albany, but there is no idea at present, of any serious difficulty.

Charles S. Stratton (Tom Thumb) and Lavinia Warren are out in a card, in which they assert that they will be married on the 10th February prox., in some one of the churches, and the audience will be limited to the number of seats which the church contains.

It is a noticeable fact that the command of the Army of the Potomac has been changed no less than seven times within the space of little more than eighteen months. The first officer, retired, was Lieutenant General Scott—the second, relieved, was General McDowell—the third General McClellan—the fourth General Pope—the fifth General McClellan, re-appointed and sent to Coventry—the sixth General Burnside, who goes to New York; and finally, we have General Hooker.

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